

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

5        This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

Claims 1-55 (canceled)

10        Claim 56 (new) A modular electrical wiring device assembly, comprising, in combination:

15        a base component formed with a first cavity as well as plurality of substantially interior grooves formed therein for receiving electrically conductive members forming receptacle surfaces;

20        a central adaptor component formed independently of said base component and being further formed with projecting surfaces capable of mating-like interfacing with said grooves, said projecting surfaces being capable of insertion into and nestling within said first cavity, said central adaptor component being yet further formed with a second cavity therewithin, said central adaptor component including a recessed wall formed with openings therethrough; and

25        An electrical wiring device component characterized by the absence of a mounting strap and being formed with opposite face and rear portions, said electrical wiring device component including electrically conductive projections extending from said rear portions, said rear portions capable of being inserted into and nestling within said second cavity,

said electrically conductive projections extending through said openings in said recessed wall to and into electrical contact with said receptacle surfaces when said electrical wiring device component is assembled with said central adaptor component.

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Claim 57. (new) The modular electrical wiring device assembly according to claim 56, wherein said electrical wiring device component has at least one ground terminal connection that extends into said base unit; and

10 wherein said electrical wiring device component has at least one ground contact extending from said rear portion of the electrical wiring device component , said at least one ground contact being capable of being releasably connected to said at least one ground terminal connection.

15 Claim 58. (new) The modular electrical wiring device assembly according to claim 56, wherein said electrical device component comprises a receptacle.

Claim 59. (new) The modular electrical wiring device assembly according to claim 56, wherein said electrical device component comprises a switch.

20 Claim 60. (new) The modular electrical wiring device assembly according to claim 56, wherein said electrical wiring device component comprises a circuit interrupting device.

Claim 61. (new) The modular electrical wiring device assembly according to claim 56, wherein said base is configured to fit within a single gang junction box in the electrical wiring system.

5           Claim 62. (new) The modular electrical component according to claim 56, wherein said base is configured to fit within a multiple gang junction box in the electrical wiring system.

          Claim 63. (new) A modular electrical wiring device assembly, comprising:  
10           a base component formed with a first cavity as well as plurality of substantially interior grooves formed therein for receiving electrically conductive members forming receptacle surfaces;

          a central adaptor component formed independently of said base component and  
15           being further formed with projecting surfaces capable of mating-like interfacing with said grooves, said projecting surfaces being capable of insertion into and nestling within said first cavity, said central adaptor component being yet further formed with a second cavity therewithin, said central adaptor component including a recessed wall formed with openings therethrough;

20           an electrical wiring device component characterized by the absence of a mounting strap and being formed with opposite face and rear portions, said electrical wiring device component including electrically conductive projections extending from said rear portions, said rear portions capable of being inserted into and nestling within said second cavity, said electrically conductive projections extending through said openings in said recessed  
25           wall to and into electrical contact with said receptacle surfaces when said electrical wiring device component is assembled with said central adaptor component; and

a circuit interrupting portion located within the electrical wiring device component for breaking a conductive path to at least one of the electrically conductive projections.

5 Claim 64. (new) The modular electrical wiring device assembly according to claim 63, wherein electrical wiring device component has at least one ground terminal connection that extends into said base unit; and

wherein said electrical wiring device component has at least one ground contact extending from said rear portion of the electrical wiring device component, said at least one ground contact being capable of being releasably connected to said at least one ground  
10 terminal connection.

Claim 65. (new) The modular electrical wiring device assembly according to claim 63, wherein said electrical wiring device component comprises a receptacle.

15 Claim 66. (new) The modular electrical wiring device assembly according to claim 63, wherein said electrical wiring device component comprises a switch.

Claim 67. (new) The modular electrical wiring device assembly according to claim 63, wherein said electrical wiring device comprises a circuit interrupting device.  
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Claim 68. (new) The modular electrical wiring device assembly according to claim 63, wherein said circuit interrupting portion comprises:

a housing;

means associated with said electrically conductive projections for conducting  
electricity between a line side and a load side of said circuit interrupting device;

circuit interrupting means for breaking continuity between said line side and said  
load side of said circuit interrupting device upon the occurrence of a predetermined  
5 condition; and

reset means for reestablishing electrical continuity between said line side and said  
load side of said circuit interrupting device.